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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. McGeorge Bundy

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This is not very helpful, but it seems
to be the best we can do.

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Richard Helms

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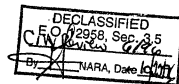
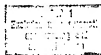
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: "Missing in Action" Casualties from the Bay of Pigs

One-hundred fifty-five persons are carried as "Missing in Action" as a result of the Bay of Pigs invasion. It is difficult to surmise their fate exactly since no tally was released by the Cubans relative to number of dead, their identification or disposal subsequent to the action. Two of the vessels carrying invasion personnel and supplies were sunk by enemy aircraft, namely, the Houston and Rio Escondido. Most of the missing personnel were probably aboard the Houston as it carried 170 men. Many were presumed killed while being strafed by enemy aircraft as the Houston was sinking while still others drowned when they jumped overboard. Those able to get to boats and head for shore were also strafed by enemy aircraft and some of these would be among the missing. For all practical purposes those persons reported missing must be presumed dead.

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CASUALTIES IN THE BAY OF PIGS OPERATION

Participated in the Invasion 1757

Cubans Killed in Action	30
American Pilots Killed	4
Shot by Castro Firing Squads	5
Missing in Action	15 5
Wounded in Action	85

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